

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 5, 1997

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Member Machado
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Cardoza)

April 10, 1997

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to
Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, as amended, Machado. Mosquito and Vector
Control Awareness Week.

This measure would declare June 22 through 28, 1997,
Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Mosquitoes and other vectors continue to
2 be a source of—a public nuisance, human suffering, illness,
3 and death, in California and around the world; and

4 WHEREAS, Excess numbers of mosquitoes and other
5 vectors reduce enjoyment of outdoor living spaces, both
6 public and private, reduce property values, hinder
7 outdoor work, reduce livestock productivity, and spread
8 diseases of humans, livestock, and wildlife; and

9 WHEREAS, Mosquitoes and other vectors can disperse
10 or be transported long distances from their sources and
11 are, therefore, a public nuisance and a health risk; and

1 WHEREAS, California has experienced eight years of
2 drought or drought-like conditions over the last decade
3 which has severely restricted the available amount of
4 water for domestic, agricultural, industrial, and
5 residential use; and

6 WHEREAS, With a return to normal and above normal
7 levels of precipitation, water runoff, and flooding since
8 1993, there has been a resurgence of mosquito-borne
9 encephalitis in California; and

10 WHEREAS, Mosquito-borne viruses that can cause
11 human illness or even death have been routinely found
12 in mosquitoes in over one half of the counties in California
13 during the last four years; and

14 WHEREAS, Established mosquito and vector borne
15 diseases such as plague, lyme disease, and encephalitis
16 and new and emerging vector-borne diseases such as
17 hantavirus, babesiosis, and erlichiosis cause illness and
18 sometimes death every year in California; and

19 WHEREAS, Adequate funding for mosquito and vector
20 control and for surveillance of vector-borne disease
21 organisms is not being provided in many counties; and

22 WHEREAS, Public awareness can result in reduced
23 production of mosquitoes and other vectors by
24 responsible parties, avoidance of the bites of mosquitoes
25 when the risk of disease transmission is high, detection of
26 human cases of mosquito-borne encephalitis that may be
27 otherwise be diagnosed as aseptic meningitis for lack of
28 appropriate laboratory testing, formation mosquito, or
29 vector control agencies where needed; and

30 WHEREAS, Provision of adequate funding for existing
31 agencies by citizen approved action; now, therefore, be
32 it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
34 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby
35 declares that the week of June 22 through 28, 1997, shall
36 be designated as Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness
37 Week; and be it further



1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
2 transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Director of
3 Health Services.

O

